



Crop Report for the Period October 27 to November 2, 2009

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A slight improvement in weather conditions over the last few days has allowed some producers in some parts of the province to get back into their fields, but harvest is still behind schedule, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report.

However, many other areas received snow at the beginning of the week, further delaying harvest. Wet fields and damp, tough grain has slowed harvest. In total, 80 per cent of the 2009 crop has been harvested, an increase of one per cent since last week.

Crop reporters have indicated that crop grades were fairly good until October's wet weather set in. Wet fields and roads in some areas of the northern and eastern regions have made it difficult to get into the field.

In the wet areas, farmers are hoping for freezing temperatures to firm up the ground.

There have been reports of canola heating in bins. Canola and flax are being harvested at 13 to 19 per cent moisture and cereals at 18 to 25 per cent moisture. Dry weather is needed to get the harvest in.

Crop reporters are predicting a shortage of straw in the northern and eastern regions due to the fact that the crop still in the field. Fall grazing on stubble is limited.

Twelve per cent of the provincial crop remains in the swath, three per cent is standing and five per cent is ready to straight-combine.

Eighty per cent of the spring wheat, 92 per cent of the durum, 61 per cent of the oats, 86 per cent of the barley, 35 per cent of the flax, 70 per cent of the canola, 89 per cent of the mustard, 62 per cent of the canaryseed, 86 per cent of the chickpeas and three per cent of the sunflowers have been combined.

Farmers are combining when they can, drying grain, baling straw, hauling bales, cleaning corrals and applying fall fertilizer when weather allows.

Harvest Completed by Region	
November 2, 2009	
Southeast	86
Southwest	97
East-central	73
West-central	81
Northeast	68
Northwest	68

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****Please note: due to the extension of the Crop Report into November, this week will focus on harvest progress in the province. We will continue to assess the harvest situation and determine the date when the FINAL crop report information will be published.***

Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

Flax and canola make up the majority of the unharvested crops in the southeastern region. There is wheat out in the field in some areas. The snow and rain stopped late in the week, allowing fields and roads to dry up somewhat. Producers are hoping the recent weather will hold so harvest can get started again. There are predictions that there will be crop left out over the winter. Dry and cold weather is needed. There was limited seeding of winter cereals this fall. Farmers are mostly combining flax and canola.

Most of the crop damage was caused by wind, rain and snow, which resulted in bleaching, lodging and shattering. Farmers are closely monitoring stored grain and moving grain around as part of the drying and aeration process.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

Most of the harvest is complete in the southwest, with the exception of flax, chickpeas and some cereals. There are a few areas reporting very good moisture going into the winter, while others areas are a lot drier and there are concerns for next year's soil moisture. The seeding of winter cereals is below average due to the late fall. Some of the fields that were seeded to a winter cereal are coming up patchy.

Farmers are cleaning corrals, bringing home cattle from pasture and applying fall fertilizer.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6A)

The weather started out wet and cold at the beginning of the week, but by Sunday and Monday the snow had stopped and the sun had started to shine. There is still quite a bit of crop left to harvest, mostly canola and flax. Crops are being harvested with high moisture levels. Grain dryers are running constantly and are in high demand. Wheat is testing between 20 and 25 per cent moisture. Many fields are very wet, and farmers are hoping for cold and dry weather to allow them into their fields. Fall-seeded crops are few and far between.

Farmers are busy trying to harvest, monitoring tough grain and hauling bales.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

Some combines were rolling by November 1 and 2. Wheat is testing 17 to 23 per cent moisture; flax and canola are 12 to 16 per cent moisture. Combines and augers are being pushed hard to move the grain. Some crop reporters are indicating that there will be crop left out over the winter. There is still quite a bit of straw left to collect. There are a few reports of fall fertilization being done. Fall activities are occurring when weather permits.

Wind and rain were the major causes of crop damage in the region. Lodging, bleaching, sprouting and shattering are causing downgrading and crop loss.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

The northeast has been very wet, resulting in very little harvest progress. The Porcupine Plain area received 15 cm of moisture, while the Ridgedale area received 13 mm of snow. Many producers are hoping for cold weather so they can finish the harvest on frozen ground.

The wet conditions made it nearly impossible to enter fields. Some farmers have given up applying fertilizer because their tractors are spinning in the mud. Crop reporters are indicating that most producers will be trying to harvest in the snow if some cold temperatures do not arrive within the next little while to firm the ground. Grain dryers are running all day.

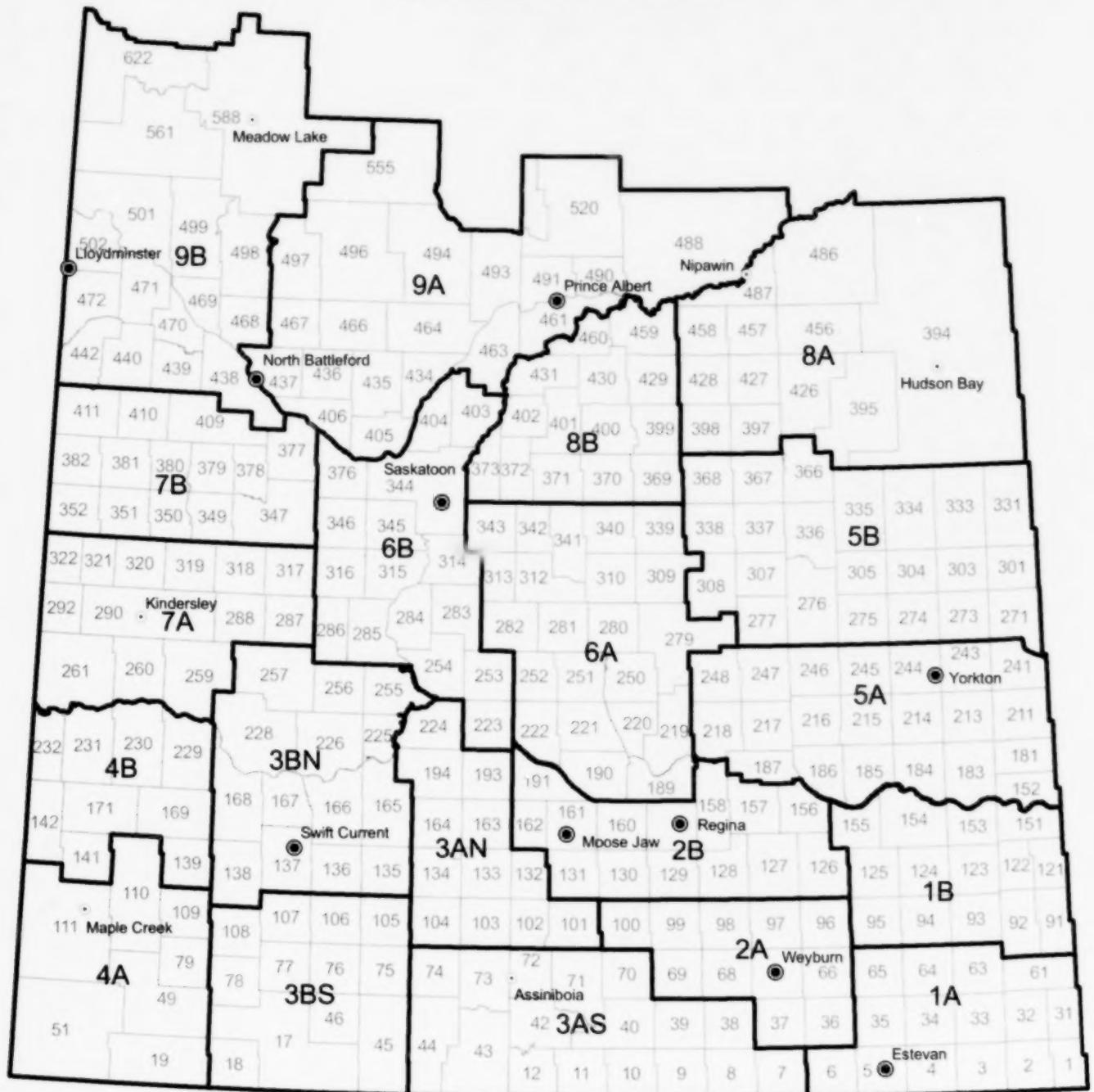
Rain and snow were the major causes of crop damage reported in the region. Crops still in the field are being downgraded due to lodging, bleaching and sprouting. Geese are also causing crop damage.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

The wet weather at the start of the week has further delayed harvest. By the time the snow stopped at the end of the week, three or more inches had fallen in areas. Canola is being combined at 13 to 18 per cent moisture, while wheat is being combined at 20 to 24 per cent moisture. Grain dryers are falling behind, so crops in storage are being kept as cold as possible. Fields are wet. The farmers who are done harvest are helping their neighbours wherever they can. Harvest progress, crop quality and storage considerations are the main concerns among the region's producers. Combines are being pushed to thresh damp grain and get the tough straw through the back end. One report indicated that some farmers are expecting 20 per cent of their canola to be left in the field until spring.

Wet and windy conditions caused the crop damage in the region this past week. Bleaching, sprouting and lodging are downgrading crops in the field.

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the week ending Nov 2, 2009

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	NIL	309	38N	138	Webb	18	258	7A	259	Snipe Lake	NIL	188
	2	Mount Pleasant	4	306		165	Morse	N/A	108		287	St. Andrews	N/A	192
	3	Enniskillen	5	304		166	Excelsior	10	231		288	Pleasant Valley	TR	269
33 A		Moose Creek	6	311		167	Sask. Landing	3	244		290	Kindersley	N/A	40
33 B		Moose Creek	5	326		168	Riverside	10	209		292	Milton	N/A	159
34		Browning	4	279		225	Canaan	NIL	204		317 A	Marmot	N/A	233
61		Antler	N/A	305		226	Victory	N/A	201		317 B	Marmot	NIL	322
63		Moose Mountain	51	377		228 A	Lacadena	TR	249		318 A	Mountain View	N/A	225
64		Brock	9	267		228 B	Lacadena	N/A	177		318 B	Mountain View	5	315
65		Tecumseh	4	259		255	Coteau	N/A	288		320	Oakdale	NIL	199
91		Maryfield	13	293	4A	48	White Valley	NIL	219		321	Prairieville	N/A	185
92		Walpole	N/A	298		49 A	White Valley	N/A	157	7B	347 A	Bigger	3	349
93		Wawken	8	319		51	Reno	5	171		347 B	Bigger	N/A	352
94		Hazelwood	N/A	376		79	Arlington	23	218		350 A	Mariposa	6	150
95		Golden West	10	326		109	Carmichael	12	316		350 B	Mariposa	N/A	224
121		Moosomin	7	374		110	Piapot	50	299		351	Progress	3	247
122		Martin	7	354		111	Maple Creek	28	260		352	Heart's Hill	NIL	128
123 A		Silverwood	NIL	319	4B	139	Gull Lake	9	250		377	Glenside	2	344
123 B		Silverwood	N/A	70		141	Big Stick	18	250		378 A	Rosemount	TR	243
124		Kingsley	12	363		142	Enterprise	1	225		378 B	Rosemount	3	334
125		Chester	7	300		169	Pittville	N/A	211		379	Relford	1	181
151 A		Rocanville	1	334		231	Happyland	N/A	171		380	Tramping Lake	N/A	168
151 B		Rocanville	N/A	N/A		232	Deer Forks	N/A	169		382	Eye Hill	8	285
153		Willowdale	12	329	5A	183	Fertile Bell	N/A	340		408	Prairie	N/A	N/A
154		Elcapo	N/A	303		184 A	Grayson	N/A	333		409	Buffalo	1	316
155		Volseley	12	316		184 B	Grayson	24	293		410	Round Valley	NIL	143
36		Cymn	9	387		185	Mcleod	N/A	316		411	Senlac	N/A	263
66		Griffin	N/A	273		186	Abemethy	15	310	8A	395	Porcupine	39	473
67		Weyburn	TR	329		211	Churchbridge	16	335		397	Barmer Valley	13	452
68		Brokenshell	9	280		213	Saltcoats	12	274		398	Pleasantdale	N/A	N/A
69		Norton	3	386		216 A	Tullymet	27	410		428	Star City	N/A	320
96		Fillmore	N/A	325		216 B	Tullymet	10	255		456	Arboretfield	14	441
97		Wellington	2	301		241	Calder	8	263		457	Connaught	34	324
99		Caledonia	N/A	344		243	Wallace	N/A	258		458	Willow Creek	8	269
126		Montmartre	N/A	335		245 A	Garry	23	375		486	Moose Range	1	331
127 A		Francis	15	382		245 B	Garry	15	429		487	Nipawin	16	342
127 B		Francis	16	221		246	Ituna Bon Accord	16	427	8B	369	St. Peter	5	252
129		Bratt's Lake	19	331		247	Kellross	18	367		370	Humboldt	10	383
131		Baldon	8	281		248	Touchwood	N/A	280		371	Bayne	12	342
156 A		Indian Head	19	358	5B	271	Cote	12	307		372	Grant	7	277
156 B		Indian Head	18	396		273	Sliding Hills	N/A	25		400	Three Lakes	N/A	N/A
157		South Qu'Appelle	N/A	12		275	Insinger	N/A	294		402	Fish Creek	9	274
160		Pense	N/A	204		276 A	Foam Lake	N/A	268		429 A	Flett's Springs	7	129
161		Moose Jaw	6	166		276 B	Foam Lake	N/A	N/A		429 B	Flett's Springs	18	404
191 A		Marquis	N/A	209		277	Emerald	22	438		431	St. Louis	4	339
191 B		Marquis	N/A	N/A		278	Kutawa	N/A	N/A		459	Kristino	15	366
3ASE	9	Surprise Valley	N/A	112		305	Invermay	5	311	9AE	461	Prince Albert	12	198
38 A		Laurier	N/A	328		307	Elfron	37	434		488	Torch River	11	341
38 B		Laurier	14	334		308	Big Quill	N/A	361		520	Paddockwood	N/A	28
39 A		The Gap	6	339		333	Clayton	N/A	105	9AW	406	Mayfield	3	273
39 B		The Gap	3	407		335	Hazel Dell	N/A	333		435	Redberry	N/A	409
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	6	312		336	Sasman	16	323		436	Douglas	2	194
12		Poplar Valley	6	267		337	Lakeview	18	343		463	Duck Lake	1	370
40		Bengough	12	316		338	Lakeside	18	392		464	Leask	5	339
42		Willow Bunch	12	349		366	Kelvington	12	399		467	Round Hill	N/A	199
43		Old Post	TR	293	6A	190 A	Dufferin	20	228		493	Shelbrook	8	405
44		Waverley	18	313		190 B	Dufferin	N/A	218		494	Canwood	N/A	344
70		Key West	N/A	27		190 C	Dufferin	19	238		496	Spiritwood	4	243
71 A		Excel	7	516		190 D	Dufferin	N/A	42		497	Medstead	N/A	215
71 B		Excel	N/A	441		219 A	Longlaketon	16	293		555	Big River	N/A	15
73 A		Stonehenge	N/A	319		219 B	Longlaketon	24	327	9B	438	Battle River	TR	299
73 B		Stonehenge	28	376		220	Mckillop	10	314		440	Hillsdale	N/A	227
74		Wood River	N/A	191		221	Sarnia	30	348		442	Manitou Lake	2	207
3AN	101	Terrell	21	336		222	Craig	26	368		498 A	Parkdale	3	255
102		Lake Johnston	8	275		251	Big Arm	16	409		498 B	Parkdale	N/A	189
103		Sutton	15	281		252	Arm River	20	362		499	Mervin	N/A	249
134		Shamrock	32	369		279 A	Mount Hope	23	333		501 A	Frenchman Butte	4	241
164		Chaplin	14	294		279 B	Mount Hope	N/A	312		501 B	Frenchman Butte	2	268
193 A		Eyebrow	21	241		280	Wrexford	11	274		501 C	Frenchman Butte	10	210
193 B		Eyebrow	N/A	55		282	McCraney	2	364		502	Britannia	9	254
194		Enfield	N/A	309		309	Prairie Rose	3	383		561	Loon Lake	6	258
3BS	17 A	Vai Marie	N/A	323		312	Morris	6	277		588 A	Meadow Lake	8	302
17 B		Vai Marie	N/A	N/A		313	Lost River	16	241		588 B	Meadow Lake	3	244
45		Mankota	N/A	239		339	Leroy	14	385		588 C	Meadow Lake	5	278
75 A		Pinto Creek	30	268		340	Wolverine	9	386		588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	243
75 B		Pinto Creek	13	224		341	Viscount	N/A	242		622	Beaver River	N/A	163
76 A		Auvergne	7	218		343	Blucher	N/A	275					
76 B		Auvergne	N/A	216	6B	283	Rosedale	18	409					
77		Wise Creek	28	299		284	Rudy	5	349					
78 A		Grassy Creek	15	314		285	Fertile Valley	4	267					
78 B		Grassy Creek	11	231		286	Milden	N/A	228					
78 C		Grassy Creek	22	284		314	Dundurn	21	389					
105		Glenbain	18	241		344	Corman Park	5	215					
106		Whiska Creek	10	190		346	Perdue	2	334					
107		Lac Pelletier	N/A	122		376 A	Eagle Creek	N/A	266					
108		Bone Creek	9	261		376 B	Eagle Creek	5	354					

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R. M.

